(c) and (d) Buyer-seller meets/participation in fairs are being organised by Export Promotion Councils to develop alternative markets. These have helped in promoting exports to other destinations. In any case, US share in the total textile exports is less than 30%.

Target for exports by textile indusltry

†3178. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any target for export by textile industry has been fixed for the current financial year;

(b) if so, the value of the exports targeted to be made and the value of the export which have been made from the country by the end of September, 2001;

(c) whether it is also a fact that curtailment has been made in the target keeping in view the future prospects of exports; and

(d) if so, to what extend curtailment has been made in this target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target for the year 2001-2002 has been kept at US $ 12,100 million. Textile export during the period April-September, 2001 amounted to US $ 5346.5 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The target has been revised from the earlier figure of US $ 13,715 million.

Co-operative, Public/Private Sectors textile mills in Assam

†3179. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textile mills being run in co-operative, public and private sectors at present in the State of Assam;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the total number of employees working in the said textile mills and what are the rates of wages being paid to them; and

(c) the total quantum of assistance provided to the textile mills being run in the State during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) and (b) As per information available, there were eight (seven spinning, one composite) Cotton/ man-made fibre textile mills (non-SSI) and three exclusive weaving units (non-SSI) in the State of Assam as on 30th September, 2001. The details are given below :

Sl. No.	Type	No. of spinning mills	No. of composite mills	No. of exclusive weaving units	Total	No. of workers on roll
1.	Co-operative	2	—	—	2	1620
2.	Private	1	—	1	2	810
3.	Government (Central & State)	4	1	2	7	1732
	TOTAL	7	1	3	11	4162

Salaries and wages of textile workers depend upon the type of work performed by them as also types of allowances they are entitled to. Periodic revisions in wages also take place. Information regarding salary and wages of textile workers through out the country is not maintained centrally.

(c) Role of the Government is mainly that of creating a conductive environment for the growth of the industry through appropriate schemes and programmes. Ministry of Textiles have provided the following assistance to the lone NTC mill in the State of Assam during the last three years for meeting shortfall in wages and salaries :—

Year	Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)
1998-1999	130.53
1999-2000	127.18
2000-2001	129.42
TOTAL	387.13

Grant for restructuring APCO

3180. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought matching grant for restructuring APCO; and

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to primary weavers societies/ APCO for various schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a project proposal under the strengthening of Handloom Organizations component of the Deen Dayal Hathkarga Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) involving a cost of Rs. 44.94 crore. The cost of the project was to be shared between the Centre and the State, the Central share being Rs. 21.99 crores and the State's Rs. 23.00 crore.

The project proposal of the APCO did not specify about the action taken by them in respect of streamlining business policies, downsizing the man power and did not contain a project duly approved by a Bank/Financial Institution. Besides, the State Government had not made necessary provisions in their budget towards their share of the project.

The proposal submitted by the State Government envisaged cost towards assistance for downsizing/rationalizing the manpower of APCO, stock disposal through rebate, publicity and advertisement, rent, electricity, transport, sales and other incentives and showroom renovation which the restructuring